



Huntingdon Road c1900

c.44.6 : Huntingdon Road area – includes Benson Street, North Street, Priory Street, Canterbury Street, Halifax Road, Richmond Road, Oxford Road, Sherlock Road, Eachard Road, Woodlark Road, Hoadley Road

1898 08 27

Cambridge, the one and only, Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth, grounds on Huntingdon Road, September 8th. An overwhelming equestrian department, teeming with every valuable attraction, filled with wonders, overflowing with grand features, crowded with startling surprises, brim-full of novelties, running over with mirthful scenes, and abounding with thrilling sensations and glorious events. Presenting, in vast Amplitude of Detail, Wild Beast, Chariot and Pedestrian Races, Fearless Contests, Trials of Speed, Skill and Endurance. A World's Fair of modern marvels. 1,000 men, women, giants, midgets, dwarfs, tattooed people, sword swallowers, bearded and long-haired lady, dog-faced boy, armless and legless men, snake charmers. 1,000 marvellous sights and curious creations. One ticket admits to all the attractions. (Advert)

1898 10 19

Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial it would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R.

1900 02 05

Cambridge Adverting Company reported that the hoarding in Victoria Road, Chesterton was in course of enlargement and one at Shelford has recently been enlarged to meet the demand for country posters. An additional hoarding has been secured at the Traveller's Rest, Huntingdon road, and is open to still further enlargement. The secretary and foreman billposter had been most attentive to their duties

1901 07 04

Sir – may I ask when the bus company intend to provide a large ‘bus for the Huntingdon Road route in Cambridge? The small bus this hot weather is nearly suffocating. We have increased fares with less comfort. A top bus would bring in more revenue and residents could leave and return to their homes in comfort instead of going through a sardine process. If the bus company cannot really afford to put a large bus on the route perhaps some enterprising individual will run a motor car to Huntingdon Road. I’m sure there would be a good return for the investment – Resident

1902 02 25

Advert. New Year’s Register. Sales & approximate price. Residences: De Freville Avenue £350, Guest Road £400; Mill Road £425, Hartington Grove £425, Malta Road £425, Huntingdon Road £450; Villas, Cherryhinton Road with land £850; modern town residences £1,000; terrace near Mill Road, (let for £100) £2,000; Country residence about 3½ acres, near station G.N.R. £2,000

1902 03 06

A small pox case from Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been removed to the small pox hut in Coldham’s Lane and all steps taken to minimise any future danger. The clothes and the whole of the bedding had been destroyed and the house was thoroughly disinfected. The public vaccinator had vaccinated persons willing to be vaccinated

1902 09 16 c

Sir – Many people have felt genuine concern at the announcement that the Cambridge Omnibus Company is to be “wound up”. Huntingdon Road, Old and New Chesterton, Mill Road and the rapidly growing suburb of New Cherryhinton have all benefited by its service. It is regretted that in spite of the hundred the Company has conveyed daily, the venture does not pay. Their difficulty is the Tram Company’s opportunity and they should arrange for a good suburban service of ‘buses to run in conjunction with their cars – New Cherryhinton

1903 12 12

Sir – Some weeks ago a travelling tinker called at my house and told my wife the old, old story of out of work and wife dying of starvation etc. She took pity on him and gave him a small job to repair a kettle, for which after putting a piece of putty in the hole he had the audacity to charge 8d. My wife paid him out of fear. Then some rascal decamped with my shirt and some tablecloths from our washing line. People should not encourage travelling tinkers and rag-and-bone-men who come to see in the daylight what can be had at a later period – A. Stevens, Richmond Road, Cambridge. 03 12 12

1904 03 21

Cambridge Property for sale: Cyprus Road – freehold terrace, sure to improve, £475. Huntingdon Road – pair of villas, £650. Ross Street – freehold terrace of five well-built houses, £1,025 the five. Searle Street – freehold terrace of four houses, £600 the four. Sedgwick Street – a terrace of five freeholds, rare investment - £1,100 the five. Sturton Street – freehold bakehouse, shop, house and stabling - £350. Suez Road – three newly-erected houses, £510 the three. – advert

1904 06 15

One day only. The one exhibition in the world that has no counterpart: Buffalo Bill’s Wild West and congress of Rough Riders of the World headed and personally introduced by Col W.F. Cody, ‘Buffalo Bill’. Three special trains, 500 horses, 800 people. 100 Redskin braves including the famous warriors of the Sioux, Ogallallas, Brutes, Uncapappas, Cheyenne and Apache tribes in Indian pastimes and war dances. Includes the Battle of Little Big Horn, Custer’s last rally. The vast arena illuminated at night by special electric light plants. The entire grand programme will positively be presented twice daily (Rain or Shine). Dennis James’ Fields, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. Friday June 24th – Advert

1905 03 10

A company is being formed to provide a service of motor ‘buses for Cambridge. Eight ‘buses will be put down at first by which it is hoped to run a 15 minutes’ service from Chesterton, another from the

Huntingdon Road district to the centre of town and a seven minutes' service to the railway station. Should the venture prove successful the more outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton will be catered for 05 03 10

1905 04 08

The Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company has been formed. It is nowadays essential for the business of the town to have a convenient and quick means of transit and the omnibuses will be appreciated by the public and become a source of income to the shareholders. With eight vehicles it will be quite easy to maintain a 15-minute service from Chesterton and the Huntingdon Road to the centre of town and a seven-minute service to the railway station. Should these prove successful it will be extended to outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton. There is little doubt that horse traction for omnibuses and tramcars will shortly be superseded by petrol and electricity. 05 04 08a

1908 06 05

There has been an Alpine fever amongst undergraduates, finding a vent in climbing trees along the Backs. The wireless telegraphy station on the Huntingdon Road has been the site of the latest exploit. This is a pole over 200 feet in height which receives messages from Cumnor Hill near Oxford. Two undergraduates merrily commenced the ascent by means of the metal spikes driven in at convenient intervals and managed to reach the top. But the return voyage was not so easily accomplished and they reached terra firma with a distinct sigh of relief. It is a matter for common wonder what object will next receive the attention of this strange species. CWN 08 06 05 p5

1908 08 21

The Ortona Motorbus Company, inaugurated a year ago, now possesses five double-deckers, a char-a-banc and a big 'bus'. They have two services from the railway station, one to De Freville and the other to Huntingdon Road. At the well-equipped garage on Hills Road there is always one car that can be despatched the instant a breakdown is reported and even replacing a broken axle can be carried out by their own mechanics. Now country people who used to disfavour these 'machinations of the evil one' patronise them with perfect confidence. CWN 08 08 21 p5

1909 03 05

The Rose and Crown, Pound Hill, was damp with paper peeling from the wall. There were seven other licenced premises nearby which all did better trade. But the landlord said he exercised great discretion in the customers he encouraged. Other pubs were frequented by the lower class. If it were closed it would be an inducement to the others not to cater for the better and quieter class but to draw a larger number just so they could boost their sales of beer, Magistrates renewed the licence. Also Traveller's Rest Huntingdon Road, White Horse in Coronation Street, Prince of Wales in Church St, Fox & Duck South Street, Oxford in Crispin Street, Johnny Gilpin in Gold Street & Prince Albert Castle Street. CWN 09 03 05

1909 04 23

Police alleged that the Traveller's Rest beerhouse on Huntingdon Road was frequented by people of bad character and a married woman lived there in the guise of a single person. It was very remote from police supervision and used a great deal by persons from Girton where public houses had to close at ten o'clock. But the brewery said they had put in a new tenant who said would be no raffles and no improper characters, whether men or women, would be allowed there. The licence was renewed. 09 04 23

1910

1910 03 11

On Tuesday evening a motor cycle with trailer came to a standstill on the Huntingdon Road near Oakington because of a puncture. It was dark but three cottages were close by, so the cyclist and his passenger took the machine into the room of one of them to repair the damage. While searching for the puncture with the aid of a light, the petrol became ignited and the carpet and other contents of the

room were damaged. Some of the occupants who had retired to rest hastily left their beds in alarm. The cyclist and his friend then proceeded to the Five Bells and the landlord drove them, cycle and trailer in a pig float back to St Ives. 10 03 11i

1910 08 19

The Crippen capture has caused Cambridge citizens to pay far more respect to the wireless telegraphy pole standing near the Huntingdon Road. More interest has been aroused by the fact that Crippen and Le Neve's whereabouts were noted by wireless than has been manifested since the invention was first made. 10 08 19c & d

1912 12 13

Miss M.B. Thomas, M.A. of Huntingdon Road has the distinction of being the first lady in Cambridge to resist paying her taxes on the ground that taxation and representation should go together. 12 12 13c

1914 09 25

Cambridge Men on Torpedoed; Ships. News of the disaster to three of the cruisers of the British Fleet was officially known on Tuesday. Cambridge men are stated to have been on each of the; three cruisers. H.M. ships Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy were each torpedoed by German submarines and sank. The local men known to have been on board are: H.M.S.; Aboukir: Midshipman C. A. G. Cooke, son of Dr. K. Cooke, Bridge Street, Cambridge. Mr. Cooke was among those saved. HMS Hogue: First Class P.O. Percy James Warrington, Union Road, Cambridge (reported to be safe and to have been landed at Harwich), Signalman John Toombs, East Road, Cambridge and Naval Reservist J. L. Claydon, 6, Benson Street, Cambridge; H.M.S. Cressy: Naval Reservist O. Hinson, 57, Garden Walk, Cambridge: Mr. Hinson, who is a married man with one child, has been employed at King's College as a gate porter for about six years. Midshipman Cooke said he was in the water for three quarters of an hour before being picked up by one of the Cressy's cutters. He was afterwards taken on a fishing trawler, later transferred to H.M.S. Legion and landed at Harwich. He is now home in Cambridge on a short leave. Mr. W. Maskell of Sawston, who had a son serving on the Aboukir, received a telegram from him on Wednesday morning to inform him he was among those saved. 14 09 25

1914 10 09

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton through Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. A sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road. Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road

1914 12 04

George Lucas, a taxi driver, was driving along Huntingdon Road, when after passing the Traveller's Rest, he saw a large portion of an elm tree that had been blown across the road. He could not stop in time and the car crashed into the tree. The windscreen and headlights were shattered but no occupant was hurt. Immediately afterwards another large piece of the tree fell and the road was completely blocked. Police in a taxi hurried to the scene. They removed the side-lamps of their motor and put one each side of the obstruction to warn traffic of the danger. Then with saws and pickaxes borrowed from people in the vicinity they cut a way through the obstruction

1915 09 17

Motor cyclists testing machines on Huntingdon Road

1915 09 24

Death of Mr. W. J. Aspinall. We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence, The Limes, Benson Street, Cambridge, on Tuesday, of Mr. William John Aspinall, a retired printer and farmer, at one time in business at Chatteris. Mr. Aspinall was 67 years of age and had been in failing health for some little time. He came to Cambridge in 1908 and resided ever since at the Limes. Before

coming to Cambridge, he was in business at Chatteris as a printer and stationer, whilst he was also engaged in farming. He was for some years a member of the Chatteris Urban District Council. In politics, Mr. Aspinall was a strong Conservative. He did considerable work for the party whilst residing in Chatteris. Since being in Cambridge he has not taken any part in public affairs. He leaves a widow and two children by his first wife 15 09 24

1917 02 28

Military Cross for old County Boy. Lt. (Acting Captain) Everett, of the Bedford Regt., an old County School boy, son of Mr. E. Everett, of 27, Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. Lt. Everett joined the Public School Corps in September, 1914, and gained his commission in April, 1915. He went to France in August last. 17 02 28

1917 07 25

Wireless telegraph mast Huntingdon Road damaged by high winds, old sailor climbed to top, 214 ft to repair – 17 07 25a

1918 02 27

H.G. Gray Playfair Athletic Works, Benson Street gutted by fire – 18 02 27g 18 03 06dFactory Blaze.—A fire, which did a great deal of damage, broke out about six o'clock on Tuesday morning in the main building of Mr. H. G. Gray's Athletic Works, Benson Street, Cambridge. This building, which is a three-storeyed place, used partly as a workshop and partly as a storehouse, stands a few feet back from the road and adjoins a row of cottages. The flames, however, were confined to the building and the cottages escaped damage. 18 02 27

1918 12 18

Election day pictures - Mrs Percy Muggleton whose husband is in France was the first woman to record her vote at stroke of 8 at Richmond Rd school p7

1920

1920 09 04

Mary Stewart Robinson, artist, Halifax Road, in court

1921 02 23

Parachute descent by Major Orde Lees witnessed by several thousand in Huntingdon Road meadow – 21 02 16a, b

1922 04 21

Impressive scenes were witnessed at the funeral of an Indian undergraduate. The funeral was carried out according to the Mohammedan ritual, and the interment was at St Giles' cemetery, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. The coffin was conveyed in a hearse and was followed on foot by over 50 Indian undergraduates. Arrived at the cemetery the coffin was placed on the lawn at the entrance. Then several of the mourners, removing their shoes, conducted a short form of service, after which the coffin and mourners were photographed by an Indian student. The body was carried to the graveside and lowered by a party of the mourners. Nobody who was not directly concerned with the ceremony was allowed within 25 yards of the grave

1923 01 17

Richmond Road school, p3

1923 02 01

Richmond Road school closure, p5

1925 09 25

Canterbury Street bungalows, p5

1926 09 15

Considerable interest was taken in agricultural circles in a demonstration of stubble cleaning on the University Farm, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. It had the dual object of acquainting farmers with the instruments available for such work and of bringing instrument makers in touch with them so they may visualise what improvements are required. Light land was used in the morning and heavy loam in the afternoon and included both tractor and horse work by a variety of instruments, though the exhibition was in the main concerned with tractors.

1927 06 21

Huntingdon Road junction, p5

1928 09 24

Sir Horace Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, died at his home, The Orchard, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge having been in failing health for some time. By his passing we have lost yet another distinguished son of inventive and scientific genius and a personality who will be much missed. A former Mayor and chairman of the Cambridge Instrument Company, he was much interested in the training of mentally deficient children and helped to establish a home for them at Girton

1930

1930 06 07

The University told Cambridge planners that if they would change the route of the proposed ring road to avoid crossing the University Farm on the Huntingdon Road then they would agree that the land would never be used for any business, commercial development or housing scheme but remain a private open space. After careful consideration the planners were unable to agree. 30 06 07 f & g

1930 06 12

The University is opposed to the proposed ring road round Cambridge crossing the University Farm on Huntingdon Road. It was of national importance, a road cutting up the farm would do a great amount of damage to the experiments which had been in progress for many years. But everybody could use the same argument and say 'You are not going to come across my cabbage patch'. Somebody had to give way and the University should be big enough to do so. Anyway the road would not be wanted for 50 years. 30 06 12a-d

1930 07 21

Cambridge planners say that Huntingdon and Barton Road are already practically fully developed on both sides, similar building is taking place along Trumpington Road & housing in Madingley Road will increase now the sewers are laid. There will probably be spur roads which will have no regard to the traffic needs of the area as a whole and the result will be a hotch-potch similar to that before the days of town planning. Soon there will be no possibility getting a cross-road between Huntingdon Road and Trumpington without the demolition of buildings or serious interference with the land-owners. 30 07 21a-c

1930 07 25

The controversy over the University Farm on Huntingdon Road was resolved when Cambridge councillors rejected proposals for a road across the land. It had never been a ring road, only a road to be planned in the event of traffic conditions demanding it. It was altogether wrong to put an arterial road in the middle of a rural area which they desired to preserve and which they hoped would never be required. They should ensure that Grantchester and Coton were not swallowed up by Cambridge in the way that Trumpington and Girton were. 30 07 25a-c

1931 05 22

Messrs Murkett Bros, the well-known garage proprietors and motor agents, are now installed in their imposing new premises on the Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. They were pioneers in the motor industry and their extensive new motor showrooms and repair shops will provide the best of sales and

service. If all garages installed such up-to-date machinery and gave such service then insurance companies could bring down their premiums. 31 05 22 e f g

1934 03 08

A plastering contractor said he'd been told there was "a bag of money for plasterers in Cambridge" and had come from Sutton Bridge with £900 to his credit. There was a strike on at the time and he started on 20 houses in Huntingdon Road for Mr John Brignell then contracted to plaster 212 houses in Kendal Way. But another workman's strike arose – a strike that never ceased. His last contract was for houses at Harston, Eversden and Coldham's Lane. He attributed his failure to other people's bankruptcy and bad debts. 34 03 08

1935 01 22

We have to report the death of Miss L.M. Brooks of Oxford Road, portress of Newnham College since 1924. She served the college with devotion and made herself respected and loved by successions of students, Fellows and staff alike. Her unfailing courtesy and interest, and the joy in life which was evident in her, won everybody's affection. She kept in touch with old students in remote parts of the world and remembered everyone who came back. The college has suffered a great loss by the removal of so charming and gracious a personality. 35 01 22a

1936 05 12

The Seed Testing Station, Huntingdon Road was established as during the Great War farmers had not been getting the best seeds and new regulations had to be worked out. The main work is carried out by a staff of 30 girls. There are sections dealing with cereals, grasses and clover – where a bad weed called dodder has to be separated - together with a vegetable germination room where an ingenious device automatically plants 200 seeds in a pan. Onion and parsnip seeds are tested periodically – they will keep for two years then go off altogether. 36 05 12

1936 12 08

The draft Cambridge town planning scheme would see the construction of bridges and closure of the level crossings at Histon and Shelford with footbridges for pedestrians. The line of the Ring Road from Huntingdon Road to Shelford was agreed and the difficult question of the aerodrome settled. 36 12 08

1937 03 10

Murkett Brothers, automobile engineers, who have large garages in Huntingdon, Peterborough and Bedford, opened their new premises on the corner of Huntingdon & Histon Road in May 1931. Owing to the satisfactory service they have given business has developed to such an extent that an additional garage is shortly to be built. This will cater for commercial vehicles and heavy repairs, whilst the Huntingdon Road depot will be for new and second-hand cars, with light repairs and service facilities 36 12 10i

1937 10 29

Cambridge & Counties Crematorium Ltd was incorporated on 8th June 1936 to establish a crematorium on an attractive site on the main Huntingdon Road with a chapel, incinerating chambers, columbaria for the reception of urns and waiting rooms. The Borough Council have decided not to proceed with a Municipal Crematorium so this will be the only one within 50-60 miles and has every prospect of success. The Company's revenue will consist not only of fees for cremations but also for the storage of urns and for niches. Shares are now available – advertisement 37 10 29a & b

1938 03 19

Mount Pleasant folk have had an interesting time seeing a modern workshop and showroom built on a corner site at Huntingdon Road without spoiling the beauty of an old house. Part of the ground below road level at the rear has been made full use of by having a sunk workshop built upon it with steel runners over the lower floor. This does away with the old idea of a car having to be run over a dark

pit, when one can neither see to work well or do a job well. Dan Morley, well-known in the motor trade, had got this business going in less than four months. 38 03 19

1938 04 08

Miss D.I. Macdonald, who lives in Sherlock Road, has recently returned from Spain where she was caught in air raids. "There is nothing you can do except sit still and I was frightened because I felt completely trapped". The universities were picked out specifically as targets by the attackers who feared the people in them. Government suggestions that covered-in trenches should be constructed in the gardens of houses here are very sensible; the great thing is to have covered protection against splinters and machine gun bullets. In Spain they were not unsightly as flower beds have been planted on top of them. 38 04 08

1938 09 21

Thornton estate, Huntingdon Road – finest house value in this district – 38 09 21b

1939 01 16

Huntingdon Road house struck by lightning – photo – 39 01 16

1939 04 01

Rudd's Garage and Petrol Filling Station on the Huntingdon Road is well-known to thousands of motorists as a place where they may obtain expert and courteous service at a reasonable charge. For many years it has specialised in the presentation of reliable used cars. They currently have a very handsome selection of the popular low horse-powered used vehicles, all spick and span and ready for the road and almost indistinguishable from new. They are also sole agents for the new Renault 'Eight' 39 04 01

1939 09 02

An important announcement from Cambridge bakers. As new Acts have been applied to the baking trade, Master Bakers have agreed to provide a shorter working week for employees. We have decided not to bake or deliver bread on Thursdays. Signed: J. Harwood of Derby St, W.H. Pratt of Halifax Road, G.P. Hawkins of Parsonage Street, A.E. Mason of Trumpington Street together with Tylers, Maskell, Markillie, Horspool, Summerlin and over 20 other bakers. [advert] 39 09 02a

1939 10 05

Dressmaker, hairdresser, dancing expert, officer clerk, shop assistant and television worker. All these are working side by side potato picking, milking cows, muck spreading and clearing out pigsties at the Cambridge University Farm on Huntingdon Road. The girls are members of the Women's Land Army undergoing a month's training before being sent to work for farmers. The majority are in their late teens and early twenties but some are older. One has her two grown-up daughters with her; her son and his brother are doing their bit in the Tank Corps in France. 39 10 05

1938 11 13

Horace George Gray was the son of the founder of H.J. Gray, sports good manufacturers. Early premises were in Grange Road and firm later moved to Benson Street – 39 11 13b

1940

1941 09 20

Air raid on Huntingdon Road – photos of debris – 41 09 20b

1940 01 05

Long Service on Town Council. Many in Cambridge heard with regret of the death of Councillor William Henry Swift, which occurred suddenly at Cambridge last week at his home at 34 Halifax Road. He was 73 years of age. A familiar figure in Cambridge, where he had lived since he started his career at the University Press, Mr. Smith had given close on 20 years' unbroken and faithful service to

the Cambridge Town Council. It was in 1920 that he was first returned to the Council as the representative of West Chesterton, where he had lived since coming to Cambridge, and when the redistribution of seats took place in 1935, he was again elected as one of the three members for Castle Ward. And until the last he attended meetings of the Council and the meetings on which he served. Born in the vicinity of Harrogate in 1866, Mr. Swift came to Cambridge at an early age, when he started work at the Cambridge University Press. Over 50 years later, in May, 1931, he retired from the post as head of the Reading Department. In the course of his service there he saw the building double and treble its size, and watched its marvellous modern developments added as time went on. 40 01 05

1941 12 12

Married 50 years – Many friends and neighbours will join in congratulating Mr & Mrs A.W. Cook of 70 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. They were married in 1891 at St. Giles Church by the Rev. G. R. Christie, and had lived in the St. Giles district ever since. Mr. Cook was a well-known professional cricketer in Cambridge, and was, last year umpire for St. Giles' cricket team. He was for some time a messenger at Trinity College, and, he later became a gyp at Magdalene, retiring at the age of 65. He is now 72 and his wife 71. She is obviously very proud of her eight children, and said of them that they had not caused her or her husband any trouble at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Cooks first address was 95 Alpha Road. In 1899 they moved to 13 Histon Road, where they remained for 32 years moving thence to their present address in 1929.

1944 10 23

Myrtle Wright of Huntingdon Road talks of experiences in Norway and of resistance – 44 10 23

1945 05 11

VE celebrations – 45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25; Mowbray Rd, Willow Walk, Springfield Rd, Kelvin Close – 45 05 26b; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a; Cockburn St, Newnham Croft, Madras Rd, Henley Road & Coldham's Lane – 45 05 30; Barnwell, Wellington St, Fitzroy St, Devonshire Rd – 45 05 30b; children entertained Cherry Hinton, Fairfax Rd – 45 06 02; Vinery Rd, Eastfield – 45 06 04; Catherine St, Ditton Walk, Union Lane – 45 06 05; Gwydir St, Abbey (East) – 45 06 06; Meadowlands Estate, Argyle St, Hope St, De Freville Estate – 45 06 07; Ross St, Hemingford Rd, Green End Rd, Staffordshire St, Selwyn Rd, Coldham's Grove, Coldham's Lane, Akeman St – 45 06 11; Brooks Rd, Sedgwick St, Langham Rd, Oxford Rd, Haig Road, Chesterton – 45 06 13a; Windsor Rd, Stretton Ave, Kimberley Rd, Abbey Road, Walnut Tree Ave, Brookfields – 45 06 18; Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19; Cavendish Ave, Hinton Ave, Hope Hall for Deaf – 45 06 21a; Histon Rd children – 45 06 30; St Peter's St, Greens Rd – 45 07 10

1945 08 29

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherryhinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, Kings Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd, Sedgwick St, Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a# c.45.7 Premier Travel take over services of F.E. Weeden of Chrishall – 45 08 30; Silverwood Close, Newmarket Road, Fallowfield, Fen Rd, Water St, Mowbray Rd – 45 10 04a; Cavendish Rd,

Stourbridge Grove, Fulbourn Rd, Bradmore St, Petersfield, Gwydir St, Newnham Croft, Scotland Rd, Scotland Close – 45 10 08; Suez Rd, Hale Ave, Harvey Goodwin Ave, Glebe Rd, Radegund Rd, Golding Rd – 45 10 10; Selwyn Rd, Abbey Estate, De Freville Ave, Stanley Rd – 45 10 12a; Milton Rd, Thoday St – 45 10 18

1950

1950 02 08

A modest world champion who attributes his achievements rather to “the luck of the game” is Cambridge-born Tommy Price. After an eventful career ever since he first rode a motor cycle in his back garden at the age of 8, Tommy last year became the world speedway champion. He was born in Oxford Road and left Cambridge at 13 for London. He did everything for himself – even the building and assembly of his machines.

1950 06 03

Cambridge has had its hottest day for a number of years past. Ald F. Doggett, the well-known weather recorder, reports that before mid-afternoon the temperature was 95 degrees in the sun at his station at Oxford Road. Last night was the hottest of the year with the temperature rising to as much as 63 degrees. The average night temperature is 49 degrees. At Trumpington AA box traffic was reported to be the heaviest for a Saturday this year.

1950 12 18

“I think every road leading on to Huntingdon Road should have a ‘Halt’ sign”, Coun A.T. Shelley told the Road Safety Committee. “I don’t think there is one corner on Huntingdon Road between Fenstanton and Girton where there has not been an accident. It is the fastest road in the whole of East Anglia”, he declared.

1952 05 12

Nearly 100 children walked calmly out of Richmond Road Infants’ School, Cambridge when fire swept the 50-foot-long school roof. The school caretaker, Mrs E.N. Mansfield said: “The children were perfectly calm and they walked out with their little coats so smartly”. The headmistress (Miss W.E. Chandler) and her assistant, Miss K.E. Buck took their pupils to a nearby recreation ground while firemen tackled the blaze on the tiles. The Chief Constable, Mr B.N. Bebbington, was amongst a crowd of willing helpers who moved school furniture and equipment to safety

1952 11 24

The County Council have designs on a quarter of an acre of smallholdings let to Redgate Nurseries on the corner of Hick’s Lane and Cambridge Road Girton. It is proposed to establish a police station and house on the site which would give adequate supervision of the Huntingdon Road – a black spot for accidents in the past. The County Police force has been undermanned since the war and better accommodation would attract more recruits. The constable at Girton was responsible for policing the parishes of Girton, Oakington and Westwick. A council house was not suitable; if a constable had to detain a prisoner there was only the living room of the house available.

1954 05 12

A baby girl born in Cambridge has the distinction of arriving in the world with six of her eight great-grandparents still alive. Susan Carole Fuller is the daughter of Mr & Mrs D.J. Fuller of Halifax Road. Her great grandparents on her father’s side are Mr & Mrs W. Fuller aged 83 and 76 who now live in Wrexham, and Mr & Mrs B. Ager of Blinco Grove. On her mother’s side they are Mr & Mrs V.F. Pursey of Mill Road. She also has 18 great aunts and uncles. This is most unusual and may be a record for Cambridge

1955 08 05

With 126 babies a lot of noises is to be expected but they were surprisingly good and few cries could be heard at Cambridge's bonniest baby exhibition. For the most part they sat contentedly on their mother's knees waiting to be judged. Winners of the various age categories were Teresa Murray from Byron Square, Joy Quinney of Queen Edith's Way; Linda Barker of Canterbury Street and Gerald Peachey of Sedgwick Street while Patricia and Jacqueline Hooks of James Street won the twins competition. 55 08 05c

1955 09 16

On the map in 10 weeks. The first completed dwelling on the Arbury Road estate extension, designed and built by Monkman of Halifax Road, Cambridge was started on 1st July 1955 and occupied on the 17th September. – Advert. 55 09 16b

1956 01 31

The Sisters of Saint Margaret, East Grinstead, an Anglican community founded a century ago by Dr John Mason Neale of Trinity College, have opened a centre in Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. The small number of Sisters in residence must endeavour to make their house self-supporting, in accordance with their Community's rules, and plan 'open teas' on Sunday afternoons. 56 01 31b & c

1957 05 15

A revolutionary – even fantastic – scheme has been put forward to use Cambridge Castle Mound as a multi-deck car park. Tunnels would be driven into it to provide space for hundreds of cars with be entrances from Chesterton Lane, Huntingdon Road and Magrath Avenue. The dirt excavated could be used for filling in Coldham's Lane pit, providing more parking spaces or building land. There will no doubt be many objections. 57 05 15

1957 07 19

There will be a lot of sadness at Richmond Road School when Miss Chandler retires after 22 years as headmistress. Scores of children owe a great deal to her care and devotion. The other day a young boy gave her sixpence and said 'This is for making us work so hard'. Now she is going to learn to use the typewriter that was presented to her but will be going away for a few days when the children start school again as she will feel her retirement more acutely at that time. 57 07 19

1958 05 17

A Cambridge man, Barry Mason of Huntingdon Road, is a trumpeter in one of the bands travelling to New York and back on the Queen Mary liner. An old Perse School boy, he first started playing the trumpet in 1949 with Freddie Webb and Ken Stevens' bands. He enjoys life on the ship, although it does mean working irregular hours, sometimes until 3.30 in the morning. 58 05 17

1959 07 16

The Minister of Agriculture opened new laboratory and office buildings at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany. The extension had been needed for a very long time: it has been bursting at the seams. NIAB was established in 1919 and in October 1921 King George V opened the Huntingdon Road headquarters designed by Morley Horder. Since then the average yield of wheat has gone up from 17 cwt to nearly 25 cwt and that of barley had increased more than half. 59 07 16, 18 & a

1959 09 01

A Ring Road was proposed for Cambridge before the war. It was to run from Trumpington Road and Brooks Road to Coldham's Lane, then on across Milton Road, Huntingdon Road and so to Hills Road. Thousands of pounds were spent to make a dual carriageway from Coldham's Lane to Ditton Walk with a ramp six feet high to start the viaduct across the river. This section was completed and only required the final tarmac surface. Now half of the dual carriageways have been dug up and the ramp bulldozed. It cost many thousands of pounds to make and over £34,500 to destroy. 59 09 01

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

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1960 06 03

Islip House Preparatory School in Huntingdon Road is one of those good things in independent education which, after many years of unobtrusive excellence, will have to fade away under the onslaught of modern financial difficulties. Miss Mildred Turner, its Principal, is taking no more new pupils. The nine she teaches at the moment will be taken to the point where they are reader to enter the Perse or another Grammar School, but will be the last pupils that Islip House will ever have. 60 06 03b

1960 06 21

The Isaac Wolfson Foundation has made a grant of £100,000 to New Hall, the first college at Cambridge to be founded this century. It is the largest single donation since an appeal was started four years ago. Others have come from Dame Catherine Fulford, Nancy Viscountess Astor and the John Lewis Partnership. At present there are 53 students on the Silver Street site but the new building on Huntingdon Road will accommodate 300. 60 06 21a

1961 04 21

Lacon's the brewers want to knock down the Travellers Rest public house in Huntingdon Road, Cambridge and erect another one further back. A petrol filling station would then be built on the site with no major repair facilities, just a routine check of oils, tyre pressures and sparking plugs. There was no filling station on that side of the road until passing the Lolworth Transport Café. But planners say there is already a petrol station opposite. There is heavy traffic visiting the nearby Cattle Breeders Association and Messrs French's Flour Mills and many coach parties would continue to use the public house. A lighted cigarette end thrown from an open coach window by a passenger would land near the petrol pumps. 61 04 21a

1961 10 05

Sir - The pavement on the right-hand side of Huntingdon Road has been reduced to a strip barely wide enough to allow two prams to pass. This narrowing has been caused by the construction of four lay-bys of extraordinary length. It is certain these will be used by heavy lorries and visitors to the new colleges to be built on the other side of the road. Traffic is already heavy and goes much too fast. This will increase noise and vibration and turn it into the most dangerous and undisciplined road in Cambridge. – J.R. Northam 61 10 05a

1962 01 05

Barnwell and Wadloes Roads, sections of the Whitehill housing estate, were intended to be part of a ring road on the eastern side of Cambridge. That project was abandoned years ago but now they could form part of a proposed eastern by-pass. This should take priority over the 'Spine Relief Road' which was planned to run from Huntingdon Road, across Chesterton Road, over the river and up to Jesus Lane, councillors agreed. 62 01 05a

1962 02 23

Westfield House has been formally opened as a Lutheran House of Studies with an inaugural lecture by the Bishop of Gothenburg in the presence of an invited audience of senior members of the University. The spacious building on Huntingdon Road will take students from home and abroad who are preparing for the Lutheran ministry and will have a library specialising in Reformation studies. 62 02 23

1962 05 09

Cambridge University wants to erect a petrol filling station on Huntingdon Road using land designated for educational and research requirements – Inquiry 62 05 09

1962 07 05

County Council plans for a new “inner relief road” linking the Huntingdon Road-Castle Hill junction with Hyde Park Corner would cost £932,000 (£16.3m today). There would be a new bridge over the Cam at Jesus Green with an underpass at Four Lamps before the road continued to Parkside and Regent Street. This figure did not include the cost of acquiring additional land. It was needed to deal with traffic problems in Magdalene Street which is very narrow, an Inquiry was told. 62 07 05b

1963 06 13

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Huntingdon Road - 63 06 13

1963 07 05

Electronic computers are being used by W. & C. French to speed the building of New Hall at Huntingdon Road. The severe weather delayed progress for three months but with their aid it is hoped they will still finish within the deadline. It is the first time computers have been used in this region to devise a logical schedule of jobs to be carried out & grading them according to importance. The college dining hall is taking shape with its elegant dome using ferro-concrete previously used in boat building. A huge crane is playing a major part to gain lost time 63 07 05f

1963 10 04

Fitzwilliam House's first stage on Huntingdon Road is completed. 63 10 04a

1964 07 19

Grays of Cambridge, manufacture of high-quality sports equipment, are best known for as makers of rackets. H.J. Gray, the founder, became rackets champion in 1864 when he was succeeded by his brother. Business grew rapidly and in 1912 they moved to the present factory in Benson Street. Then they developed a revolutionary tennis rack and never looked back. Now hockey sticks are their most successful line but ski-ing is the sport of the future 64 07 10b

1964 10 07

The Community of St John the Baptist of Neale House, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge have been told that their temporary chapel has been granted planning permission until September 1967. It was built in 1959 by the former occupants of the house, the religious order of the Sisters of St Margaret, from East Grinstead. 64 10 07

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1972 07 28

With Murkett Bros' move to new premises in Histon Road on Tuesday, Cambridge will shortly lose a familiar landmark. The Huntingdon-based firm's motor car showrooms and offices at the corner of Huntingdon Road and Histon Road is to be demolished and a million-gallon-a-year petrol service station built in its place. Murkett's sold their prime corner city centre site to Chevron Oil (U.K.) earlier this year. Chevron consider the purchase of the old showrooms a coup. "With a traffic count of around 40,000 cars a day at this junction, it is a prime site equal to some of the best in London", said a spokesman

1972 12 22

The £2 million De Vere hotel building project at Mount Pleasant - Huntingdon Road corner in Cambridge has been given final clearance by the Cambridgeshire planners. The drawings of the proposed 200-bedroom hotel - the largest in East Anglia were given approval privately this week by the city planning department. Last month the Environment Minister gave approval to the project. The De Vere hotel saga has dragged on for more than four years during which time it has occupied two major public inquiries and has been the subject of a High Court hearing

1973 07 05

Emergency hospital treatment had to be given to 11 people after a drum of poisonous chemical spilled on to the roadway at one of Cambridge's busiest junctions as the afternoon rush hour started. The

chemical spilled when the drum containing ethyl acrylate split open after falling from a lorry at the Huntingdon Road - Histon Road corner. Immediately the air, in spite of a strong breeze was pungent with the smell of the liquid. The police and fire brigade were called to deal with the problem. The drama, which led ultimately to the total ban of traffic at the junction began at 3.10pm, by 6pm the acrylate was safely loaded on to a sand covered trailer, then in convoy with two fire tenders and police cars it was taken at less than 10 mph the seven miles to the Royal Engineer's airfield at Waterbeach

1973 09 04

De Vere's have been given final planning permission to go ahead with their plans to build a £2 million-plus hotel at the Huntingdon Road - Mount Pleasant junction, Cambridge - almost five years after the project was first proposed. But the London-based company are not saying yet when they intend to start building on the derelict site overlooking one of the city's busiest road junctions. It was at the beginning of 1969 that De Vere Hotels and Restaurants Ltd submitted their original plans for the hotel

1973 10 25

De Vere have finally abandoned their plans to build a 5-star 200-bedroom hotel at Cambridge's Mount Pleasant - Huntingdon Road junction. Instead the company have suggested to planners that the site could be used for a four-storey block of residential flats with a restaurant, showrooms, offices and a bank included in the development. The company say it is "no longer economically viable" to go ahead with the hotel project which has been on the stocks for four years. It is being suggested that the originally estimated building costs of around £2 million has now risen to about £3.8 million

1974 07 23

The people of Cambridge would never accept the building of the proposed Western Relief Road project, linking Huntingdon Road with Trumpington road and going through Newnham or near Grantchester, it was claimed by city councillors. In addition the county proposed a road linking Huntingdon Road with Madingley road. But Counc. Overhill supported the road. "If this was proposed through the middle of Chesterton, nobody would complain. It is only because it is going through Newnham that people are against it", he said

1979 03 14

The 600-plus parking meters in the centre of Cambridge may be scrapped as one of the options for helping to sort out traffic chaos. But if they continue the city council is backing a 67 per cent increase in all meter charges because they are facing a £12,000 loss due to increased pay for the traffic wardens. Councillors are also considering residents' parking schemes to meet mounting demand for this facility. They may also provide the city's first cycle lane along the Huntingdon Road from Girton College to Murkett's Corner.

1979 07 18

Not everyone in Cambridge sees Mount Pleasant House but to those who use Huntingdon Road this new office block bulks very large indeed. The initial scheme was described as "Excessively bulky, un-neighbourly, inconsiderate of adjoining owners and occupiers, out of scale with its surroundings and over-dominant in the local scene' by the Environment Minister but his decision to reject it was reversed at a subsequent inquiry. There will be 16 trees round the main building together with a number of shrubs but it will always look what it is - 50,000 square feet of office space.

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1980 02 20

One of Cambridgeshire's few remaining traditional bakers, Mr John Edward Wright (known as Ted) has died. He built up the Copper Kettle firm & supplied bread to shops all over Cambridge. He moved to Haddenham at the end of the war and later opened a bakery and shop in Halifax Road, Cambridge as well as in Sutton & Cottenham. He also ran the Copper Kettle tea shop at one time. He always took great pride in the fact that his bread was always made the traditional way with no additives 80 02 20

1984 08 07

Cambridge sub-postmasters have decided not to oppose the closure of three of the city's 26 post offices. Their salaries have dropped substantially during the past year because of changes in Post Office administration and they feel the business must be spread around the remaining offices to make them viable. The sub-post offices at Arbury Road, Gwydir Street and Richmond Road are due to close by the end of the year. 84 08 07 p7

1984 09 12

Campaigners have lost their battle to save two Cambridge post offices in Arbury Road and Gywidr Street. They will close within a few months, but the threatened Richmond Road sub post office will remain open in view of the weight of public opinion. Coun Andrew Duff, one of the Liberal members fighting to keep the Richmond Road office going says he is delighted at the change of heart 84 09 12

1984 12 14

Foreign competition is forcing Grays to stop volume production of wooden squash racquets early next year due to the difference between the cost of labour and overheads in Cambridge and Taiwan. But production of a limited range of top-quality specialist racquets will continue as will its cricket bat and ball factories in Sussex and Kent. The 129-year-old company, which has its headquarters at the Playfair Works in Benson Street and a sports shop in Sidney Street, employs around 110 people locally. 84 12 14

1985 09 17

The Green Belt around Cambridge was designed to protect the area from development and to preserve large areas of open space between villages. Now County planners want to release land to make way for the city to breathe including 70 acres at Trumpington, Histon Road allotments and the University Farm in Huntingdon Road. They say this would not mean developers' lorries moving in. Nearly 500 organisations objected at an Inquiry but the County are pleased with the result which backs most of their proposals. 85 09 17 a b c

1986 06 17

Grays of Cambridge, the 130-years-old sports firm, has reached the end of an era with the closure of its Benson Street headquarters. The only remaining presence locally is a small racquet-making factory at Coton on the site of their former sawmill. The last 18 months have seen the workforce dwindle from 150 to just six. The main reasons for decline have been increased competition from Taiwan and a change away from wooden frames towards graphite and metal racquets and. Now they produce them for the small market of real tennis and rackets players 86 06 17a

1986 07 04

Churchill Service Station on the junction of Histon and Huntingdon Road in Cambridge is to open 24 hours a day. Garages cannot make a profit on discount petrol alone so it has diversified into selling milk, sandwiches and a range of household goods from dog food to washing powder. Newnham Service Station has been a village shop for several years stocking frozen food alongside chamois leathers and polish. But they have to obey Sunday trading laws like everybody else 86 07 04 & a

1987 05 05

A £10million plan for building a huge 'tertiary college' at Howes Close off Huntingdon Road has been secretly dropped by the County Council. The proposals for a three-storey building to accommodate at least 2,000 students caused a wave of protest when it was first announced as it would have worsened the already bad traffic conditions. But plans for an alternative site for a new college, which would mean the end of the present sixth-form college system, will continue 87 05 05a # c.36.7

1989 10 01

The controversial Cambridge park and ride scheme has started with a whimper. At peak commuter time there were 17 cars at the 400-space Cowley Road and even fewer at the 150-space car park on

Clifton Road. Users were enthusiastic: Sophy Moxley of Willingham, a sales assistant, said “It will save me money because it only costs 50p which is cheaper than parking in the city centre though Steve Field from Stretham says it is inconvenient as you don’t have access to our car during the day. Councillor Andrew Duff said the area around Castle Hill, where residents-only zones have been introduced, was ‘almost pastoral’ though Canterbury and Benson Street were packed with cars. 89 10 01